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SUBJECT: UNIFIL: ASSAULTS ON UN FORCES IN SOUTH LEBANON

REF: STATE 117862 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: WESTERN FIVE SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERS
DISCUSSED SECURITY THREATS TO UNIFIL ON MAY 10 AND
AGREED TO SCENARIO FOR FURTHER ACTION. SCENARIO

CALLS FOR WALDHEIM TO INVITE TROOP CONTRIBUTING NATIONS TO MEET PROBABLY MAY 11. AFTER MEETING WITH WALDHEIM IT IS HOPED TROOP CONTRIBUTORS WOULD COLLABORATE WITH WESTERN FIVE IN MAKING SEPARATE APPROACHES TO ARABS AND TO PLO BOTH HERE AND IN CAPITALS. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THERE WAS NO REASON FOR US TO DELAY ITS APPROACHES (AS FORESEEN REFTEL) PENDING RESULTS OF TROOP CONTRIBUTING MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. IN PURSUANCE OF REFTEL, WESTERN FIVE MET AT U.S. INITIATIVE AFTERNOON MAY 10. AMB. YOUNG REVIEWED CABLE'S KEY POINTS. FRENCH REP LEPRETTE IMMEDIATELY EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH US VIEWS AND OTHERS FOLLOWED WITH SIMILAR STATEMENTS. IN ENSUING DISCUSSION, HOWEVER, LEPRETTE SUGGESTED THAT WESTERN FIVE SHOULD BE CAREFUL NOT TO EXCLUDE OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS IN CONSIDERING HOW TO DEAL WITH UNIFIL'S OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS. OTHERS NOTED POSSIBLE RESENTMENT BY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND THERE WAS CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO BRINGING AT LEAST SOME OF THEM INTO DISCUSSIONS. THIS LED TO SUGGESTION THAT TROOP CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE BROUGHT IN AT AN EARLY STAGE, SINCE THEY ARE DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH PREVENTING ASSAULTS ON UNIFIL TROOPS. FROM THIS DISCUSSION THE IDEA EMERGED THAT A MEETING

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OF TROOP CONTRIBUTORS WOULD AVOID QUESTION OF ANY RESENTMENT BY OTHER SC MEMBERS AT BEING LEFT OUT.

3. LEPRETTE PROPOSED THAT SYG BE ASKED TO INVITE TROOP CONTRIBUTORS FOR DISCUSSION OF GENERAL CONCERN OVER UNIFIL SECURITY INCLUDING RECENT INCIDENTS. FRANCE AND CANADA WOULD PARTICIPATE AND INTRODUCE IDEA OF APPROACHED TO ARABS TO EXERT INFLUENCE ON THE PLO AND TO THE PLO DIRECTLY BOTH IN NEW YORK AND IN CAPITALS. AMB. YOUNG NOTED IN THIS CONTEXT THAT PERMREP FALL OF SENEGAL, A TROOP CONTRIBUTOR STATE, IS CHAIRMAN OF THE PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE AND THEREFORE MIGHT BE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL IN CONVEYING MESSAGE TO PLO.

4. CANADA (BARTON) AGREED TO ASK WALDHEIM TO CONVENE TROOP CONTRIBUTORS MEETING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, PROBABLY ON MAY 11 IN THE AFTERNOON. MEANWHILE, CANADA AND FRANCE WOULD BRIEF UNDER SECRETARIES URQUHART AND GUYER ON WESTERN FIVE PROPOSED COURSE OF ACTION. THIS INCLUDES FOLLOWING UP ON WALDHEIM'S MEETING WITH THE TROOP CONTRIBUTORS WITH INDIVIDUAL

DEMARCHES BY WESTERN FIVE WITH KEY ARABS AND PLO
BOTH HERE AND IN CAPITALS, AS APPROPRIATE. WESTERN
FIVE WOULD KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT ON DEMARCHES
MADE. MEANWHILE, TROOP CONTRIBUTORS RECRUITED DURING
MEETING WITH WALDHEIM WOULD MAKE SEPARATE DEMARCHES
AS WELL.

5. U.S. INDICATED (AND THERE WAS NO OBJECTION)
THAT WE WOULD COMMENCE OUR APPROACHES RIGHT
AWAY BEGINNING WITH KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT AND
SYRIA. FRG (VON WECHMAR) WONDERED WHETHER AN APPROACH TO

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THE USSR AT A LATER STAGE MIGHT BE BENEFICIAL; THIS
MET WITH AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE. IN
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DISCUSSION OF OTHER TARGET COUNTRIES, THERE WAS
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON INCLUDING TUNISIA AND
WITH LESS ENTHUSIASM FOR LIBYA AND IRAQ. LATTER WERE
NOT RULED OUT, HOWEVER. ISRAEL WAS MENTIONED ALSO, IN
TERMS OF EXERCISING CONTROL OVER CHRISTIAN
MILITIA. IT WAS FURTHER AGREED THAT LEBANESE AMBASSADOR
SHOULD BE KEPT APPRISED OF OUR EFFORTS.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT HAS CONCURRED IN
EMBASSIES CAIRO, DAMASCUS, JIDDA, AND KUWAIT PROCEEDING
WITH APPROACHES OUTLINED PARA 3 REFTEL.

7. ACCORDING TO LEPRETTE, DURING HIS LAST MEETING WITH
WALDHEIM (MAY 8) LATTER INDICATED HE WAS CONSIDERING
PREPARING A DOCUMENT SETTING FORTH SOME SORT OF STATEMENT
ON UNIFIL'S FUNCTIONS OR TERMS OF REFERENCE, WITH VIEW
TO SUBMITTING IT TO "ALL THE PARTIES" TO OBTAIN
THEIR APPROVAL. SHOULD THIS FAIL TO BRING
COOPERATION AND RESPECT FOR UN FORCE, WALDHEIM WONDERED
WHETHER HE WOULD NOT HAVE TO RESORT TO THE
COUNCIL. WESTERN FIVE EXPRESSED STRONG RESERVATIONS
OVER UTILITY OF PROPOSED DOCUMENT, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT
COULD LEAD TO AN SC DEBATE WITH ALL THE INHERENT RISKS
INVOLVED. THERE WAS UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT THAT REOPENING
QUESTION OF UNIFIL'S MANDATE SHOULD BE AVOIDED, AND
LEPRETTE REPORTED THAT THIS WAS ALSO AMB. TUENT'S
STRONG VIEW.

8. FOR DEPT: PLEASE REPEAT STATE 117862 TO KATHMANDU,
OSLO AND OTTAWA. YOUNG

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